Bill for registration of marriages

†814. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered bringing a bill for making registration of marriages. compulsory in consultation with the various communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the bill is proposed to be brought in the Parliament in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (c) On the recommendations of National Human Rights Commission and National Commission for Women and as per the Supreme Courts Judgment in the matter CWP No. 291/2005 in Smt. Seema Vs. Ashwani Kumar, the proposal to enact a suitable legislation relating to Compulsory Registration of Marriages is under consideration with the Government. In View of the importance and complexity of the matter, it may take some more time before a Bill could be introduced in Parliament.

Mineral deposits in Rajasthan

815. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has in its latest survey, traced huge deposits of gold, platinum, cobalt, copper, zinc, silver and other metals worth thousands of core of rupees in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise and metal-wise; and

(c) the approximate quantity of those metals and minerals reserves likely to be made available and the time required for exploration thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) and (b) Geological Survey of India (GSI) has discovered deposits of gold and copper in Rajasthan in its last field season programme [October'05 to September'06]. Location-wise and metal-wise details are as under:

Gold — Bhukia in Banswara district.

Copper — Gangas, Rajasamand district, Dokan and Kundla-ki-Dhani, Sikar district.

The resource estimations made by GSI for these minerals is given below:

(i) A resource of 0.80 million tonnes of copper ore with 0.5% Copper in Gangas, Rajsamand district.

(ii) A resource of 12.04 million tonnes of copper ore with 0.39% Copper in Dokan, Sikar district.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(iii) A resource of 5.60 million tonnes of copper ore with 0.3% Copper in Dokan, Sikar district.

(iv) A resource of 1.93 million tonnes of copper ore with 0.28% Copper in Kundla-ki-Dhoni, Sikar district.

Gold : Bhukia gold prospect, Banswara district 2.54 million tonnes of gold ore of average grade of 1.92 gram/tonne was augmented in 2005-06. Gold ore contains silver the resources of which was not estimated.

(c) Exploration and extraction of minerals have been thrown open to private investment and commercial exploitation of minerals is done by private sector depending on the economic viability and the likely quantity of different minerals to be extracted would depend on a number of factors including financial investment and technology employed etc.

Status of Hindustan Zinc Ltd.

816. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the financial performance of the Hindustan Zinc Ltd.;

(b) whether Government propose to disinvest its remaining stakes in company; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY): (a) The financial performance of Hindustan Zinc Ltd. in 2006 - 07 is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Particulars	2006-07 (Actuals)
1	Income (Excluding Excise Duty)	8791.49
2	Operating Cost	2152.80
3	Interest	28.44
4	Depreciation & Amortisation	156.59
5	Net Profit (PBT)	6453.66
6	Provision for tax	2011.85
7	Net Profit (PAT)	4441.81

(b) and (c) There is no decision at present to disinvest the remaining stake of the Government in the Hindustan Zinc Ltd.